

Appl. No. 10/508,805
Response to Final Rejection dated February 7, 2007
Reply to Office Action of December 14, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Regarding the Amendments

The Office Action dated December 14, 2006, finally rejects Claims 1-6 and provides that Claims 7-44 are allowed. The Office Action does not mention the status of Claims 45-51, which were submitted as new claims in Applicants' Response A, filed on September 22, 2006. The Examiner is politely requested to confirm entry of Claims 45-51, which depend upon an allowable claim.

In response to the Final Rejection, rejected Claims 1-6 are canceled hereinabove. Claim 7 is re-written hereinabove in independent form to include all of the limitations of Claim 1 and any intervening claims upon which Claim 7 depends. Claims 7 to 51 remain pending in the application.

In view of the cancellation of rejected Claims 1-6, the undersigned re-evaluated the inventorship of remaining Claims 7-51. The undersigned believes that the inventive entity as named herein is correct and that no change in inventorship is required.

In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 7 to 51 meet all of the statutory requirements for patentability. If the Examiner has any question related to the amendments herein or any other matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to expedite the allowance of this application. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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